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1. SUMMARY: TWO MORE APPEALS FOR AN END TO CIVIL DISORDERS HAVE BEEN ISSUED, ONE IN A SPEECH BY PRESIDENT KORUTURK AND ANOTHER BY THE RECTORS OF ANKARA'S THREE UNIVERSITIES. KORUTURK WARNED THE POLITICAL PARTIES OF THE DANGER OF LOSING PUBLIC CONFIDENCE IN DEMOCRACY. END SUMMARY.

2. SPEAKING IN IZMIR APRIL 23 ON THE OCCASION OF NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY AND CHILDREN'S DAY, PRESIDENT KORUTURK WARNED: "IF THE POLITICAL PARTIES STRIVE ONLY TO CAPTURE OR TO MAINTAIN POWER AND CONSIDER EVERYTHING LEGITIMATE IN ACHIEVING THESE GOALS, AND IF ACCORDINGLY CORRUPTION,INJUSTICE, DISSENSION, AND ASSASSINATION ARE USED FOR THIS END, THE
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MOST POWERFUL SUPPORT OF DEMOCRACY, NAMELY THE CONFIDENCE OF

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THE PEOPLE, WILL BE LOST. IF THE PEOPLE LOSE THEIR BELIEF IN THE POLITICAL PARTIES AND IN DEMOCRACY, THE WHOLE SYSTEM CAN COLLAPSE." KORUTURK NOTED THAT THE POLITICAL PARTIES DO NOT OBJECT EQUALLY TO THOSE ACTIVITIES SUCH AS "SEPARATISM, SUPPORT FOR THE REESTABLISHMENT OF ISLAMIC LAW, FASCISM, AND COMMUNISM" WHICH THE CONSTITUTION OUTLAWS. DIVISIVENESS ON RELIGIOUS, ETHNIC, OR IDEOLOGICAL GROUNDS POSED "GREAT DANGERS" FOR THE COUNTRY. "THERE IS NO USE IN INVITING THE EXTREME RIGHTIST, THE EXTREME LEFTIST, OR THE ANARCHIST TO ABIDE BY THE CONSTITUTION," HE SAID, THOUGH THIS WAS THE DUTY OF ALL CITIZENS. "BUT THIS RESPONSIBILITY DOES NOT IMPLY ARMING ONESELF AND IMPOSING ONE'S IDEAS ON OTHERS BY FORCE," FOR THE "STATE FORCES ARE EQUAL TO THE TASK OF SECURING DOMESTIC PEACE AND JUSTICE BY LAWFUL MEANS." KORUTURK DEPLORED VIOLENCE IN TURKEY'S SCHOOLS AND ASKED, "WHAT CAUSE WILL BE FURTHERED BY THESE DEATHS?"

3. COMPELENTING AN EARLIER CALL FOR COOPERATION AMONG THE MAJOR POLITICAL PARTIES TO END STUDENT VIOLENCE (FEFTEL), THE RECTORS OF ANKARA UNIVERSITY, MIDDLE EAST TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY, AND HACETTEPE UNIVERSITY ISSUED A JOINT APPEAL FOR PEACE TO THEIR STUDENTS APRIL 25. ACCORDING TO THE THREE RECTORS, "OUR UNIVERSITIES AND OTHER EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS ARE FACED WITH PRESSURE FROM VARIOUS RIGHT AND LEFT-WING ORGANIZATIONS WHICH WISH TO REALIZE THEIR POLITICAL AIMS THROUGH BRUTE FORCE AND ARMED MIGHT." HOWEVER, THE RECTORS SAID THEY BELIEVED THAT, "THE YOUNG GENERATION IN WHICH THE EXTREMEISTS PLACE THEIR HOPE SINCERELY BELIEVE IN THE 'DEMOCRATIC SYSTEM', THE MOST SUCCESSFUL TYPE OF POLITICAL REGIME FOR ATTAINING THE LEVEL OF CONTEMPORARY CIVILIZATION." THE RECTORS AFFIRMED AS "A CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT" AND "NATURAL" THAT THERE SHOULD BE DIFFERENCES OF VIEW AMONG STUDENTS CONCERNING "VARIOUS SOCIO-ECONOMIC PROBLEMS." HOWEVER, THE RECTORS REMINDED STUDENTS THAT "DEMOCRACY'S GREAT SUPERIORITY LIES IN ITS REPLACING BRUTE FORCE IN THE CONTEST FOR POLITICAL POWER THROUGH ENABLING ANY SYSTEM OF THOUGHT TO ATTAIN TO POWER THROUGH ELECTIONS." THE RECTORS CONDEMNED "THOSE WHO DENIED THE UNIVZRSITIES TO THOSE OF OPPOSING VIEWS AND WHO TRIED TO IMPOSE THIER OWN VIEWS BY FORCE" AND WARNED THAT
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"HISTORY IS FULL OF EXAMPLES" OF THE HARMFUL CONSEQUENCES.
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